MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

Saturday 17th October 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Ned Stenson & deceased members of the Stenson family, Donaghmore
Michael & Mary Ann Creagh, Harristown
Jackie Cahill, Mooreville

Sunday 18th October 2026

Errill 9.30am: Colm Tierney, Knockardgannon
Fr. Joe Campion, Lisduff
Patsy Kelly, Knockardgannon

Masses During this Week in Rathdowney

Tuesday: Mass at 10am
Wednesday: Deceased members of the Delaney Family, Templequain.
Thursday & Friday: Mass at 10 am

Anniversaries: Sr. Veronica (Kathleen) Keyes, Monamondra
Patrick Feehan, Johnstown Glebe, 1st Anniversary

Recent Death: Maureen McCartney (née Healy), Coolrain.

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 24th October 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Maura & John Loughlin, Moore Street

Sunday 25th October 2026

Errill 9.30am: Maria Grogan, Errill

Collections

Weekend 10th/ 11th October 2026
Loose Plate - €311 Envelopes €2036

Adoration

Adoration in Rathdowney Church on Thursdays after 10am Mass and in Errill Church on Fridays from 10.30am until 11.30am.
Rosary available each evening at 5.30pm on the Webcam

Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Will take place April 20th to 27th 2027, 7 nights half board @ Hotel Leone at €899 pp sharing. €100 off if paid in full by the 31st of October 2026, single supplement €210. Travel Insurance, extra. Luggage allowance 10 KG pp or 20KG for €80 return. Pilgrimage led by Fr. Martin Delaney.
For bookings contact Mary O'Dea @ 0873170084.

Coffee Morning

Mairead Malone from Shanahoe will be travelling to Kolkata and Keralan to do some charity work in November. She is organising a coffee morning in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise after 10am Mass on Sat. 24th if anyone would like to support The Missionaries of Charity Sisters in their work with the poor.

Night Adoration, Mass and Benediction

On the Fri 30th Oct there will be "Night Adoration" in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe, R32AH90 for The Holy Souls, Starting at 8pm and confessions are available 8-15pm - 9pm. At 12 midnight there will be Mass for The Holy Souls and we conclude with Benediction Sat morning at 8am. If anyone would like to commit to sitting with The Lord for a particular hour they can contact 086-8900673.

Newsletter for the Parishes of Durrow and Rathdowney
17th / 18th October 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mission Sunday

SAFEGUARDING

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John Casey & Helen Campion
Durrow
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Pastoral Council Members

Rathdowney
Assumpta Casey; Helen Campion; Tony Holohan; Fran Doyle; Maureen Guilfoyle; Oliver Kennedy, Mary Nolan, Mary O'Dea, Tadhg Keane; Sr Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

Durrow
Martin Lawlor; Mary Lawlor; James Walsh; Vicky Murphy; Margaret Murphy; Liam Kavanagh; Pádraig Kiely; Anne-Marie Kiely
Sr. Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney



Christmas Concert

Michael English, featuring Durrow and Cullohill Parish Choirs
Sunday 6th December 2026 in Holy Trinity Church, Durrow.
Doors open at 5 pm for 6 pm start.
A festive evening of Songs, Stories, Faith & Inspiration
Tickets €30 available from both of our Parish Offices (opening times below)
Or through www.michaelenglish.ie (where booking fee applies)

Parish Office Opening Hours
Rathdowney: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.30 - 2pm & Friday 9.30am - 1pm
Durrow: Wednesday & Thursday 10am - 2pm & Friday 11am to 2pm



Remembrance Masses

Our Annual Masses of Remembrance for those who died during the past year will take place in Rathdowney Church on **Saturday 31st October at 6.00pm** and in Durrow Church on **Friday 6th November at 7.00pm.**

If you wish to have a candle presented at this Mass in memory of your deceased relative please contact the Parish Office on 085 26 25 033 (Durrow) or 0505 46282 (Rathdowney) or email durrow@ossory.ie or rathdowney@ossory.ie
Please let us know who will be there on the night to present the candle
Candles will be supplied by the Parish.

Best Wishes

To St Brigid's Camogie Club Junior and Intermediate teams and to The Harps GAA Club, Senior Team in the County Finals this weekend.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

Saturday 17th October 2026

Cullohill 7.30pm: Kathleen Kenny and all deceased members of the Kenny family, Ballydavin

Sunday 18th October 2026

Durrow 11.00am: Ann Parkinson, Seandoire. 1st Anniversary

Masses During this Week

Mon to Fri: Mass in Durrow at 8.50am.

Recent Death: Keith (Baz) Basnett, Seandoire, Cork Road

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 24th October 2026

Cullohill 7.30pm: Paddy & Vera Barnaville, Ballynevin
Paddy & Sheila Delaney, Cullohill
John & Rita McEvoy & deceased members of the McEvoy Family.

Sunday 25th October 2026

Durrow 11.00am: Sr Éilis Bergin, Castlewood, Durrow
Michael Traynor, Erkindale Drive, Durrow
Michael & Mary Parkinson, Mary Street, Durrow
John Cooney, Mary Street , Durrow

Collections:

Weekend 10th / 11th October 2026
Loose Plate € 405 Envelopes € 1737

Adoration

Adoration in Cullohill Church every Thursday morning from 10am to 11am and in Durrow directly after 8.50 am Mass (finishes at 11.30 am) on Mondays and on Fridays from 7-8pm.

Major Restoration of the Church Tower



In recent times it has become apparent that there some significant structural problems in the tower of Holy Trinity Church Durrow. The wooden Louvres (Slanted beams) on all four sides of the tower are rotting, and each is framed in steel. These present a significant health and safety risk. When the tower was examined earlier in the summer other major difficulties with the pointing of stonework were also identified. The upshot of all this is that some major restoration work is necessary and as a matter of urgency. The work is scheduled to begin on **Monday next, 19th of October** and will take approximately **four to six weeks. The doors across the front of the church will remain locked during the work and entrance to the church will be through the side aisle doors only.** The front of the church and the tower is a building site and therefore a health and safety risk. I realise this presents an inconvenience, but I ask for your consideration and cooperation. I am grateful to the Parish Finance Committee and the diocesan authorities who have worked with me to address this problem. Together with other necessary works to repair the Lightning conductors on the church carried out earlier in the year, this major repair job **will cost in the region of €90,000.** Your ongoing weekly financial support for the parish through the blue envelope collection was never more needed and appreciated.

Fr. Martin